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1. There was an airfield east of the Zakrzewo (Q 53/J 44) - Seroczki (Q 53/J 45) highway, southeast of Seroczki. The field was covered by grass. It was not provided with concrete aprons. The field appeared to be unoccupied and no flying was observed.

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2. [redacted] no cattle were allowed to graze at the field in 1950, because the installation was allegedly scheduled for reoccupation.

3. From 1945 to 1948, the airfield located east of the Zakrzewo-Seroczki highway was not used. Reconstruction work at the field did not start before the spring of 1948. Soviet officers were seen in the area at that time. The installation extended for 3 or 4 km from east to west, and about 1,200 meters along the highway. It had a dry and firm turf. Buildings were being constructed or repaired about 3 km east of the highway. Construction progressed rapidly after 1949. In May and June 1950, two stripes of turf were removed. In the fall of 1950, these stripes were still discernible from their dark color. Several buildings, apparently also hangars, were observed in the eastern portion of the installation. Source saw many persons at the construction sites. [redacted] the largest Polish airfield was being built there.

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4. The field is said to have been occupied by the Soviet Air Force since the fall of 1949. About 17 small and large aircraft were once seen south of the airfield buildings. The number of aircraft seen at the installation varied. [redacted] the aircraft belonged to the Soviet Air Force. Soviet troops were continually observed in this area after 1949. *

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* [redacted] Comment. The airfield mentioned in the report was constructed by the German Air Force and covered an area about 1,000 x 800 m. The statement that the Sorocski airfield was reconstructed is credible. However, the report does not make it clear how many aircraft were stationed at the field and whether the field was occupied by Polish or Soviet air force units. [redacted]

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